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1. U.S. COVERAGE IS MODERATE IN VOLUME, NEGATIVE IN TONE.
--PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS NEW YORK REPORT THAT TREASURY
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY TOLD THE NEW YORK TIMES THAT THE

U.S. WOULD SUPPORT A WORLD BANK LOAN OF 60 MILLION DOLLARS TO CHILE, DESPITE THE JUNTA'S CONTINUED "TERROR AND REPRESSION".

--IN ANOTHER TASS NEW YORK ITEM, PRAVDA REPORTS U.S. PRESS REACTION AGAINST RISING U.S. ARMS SALES, CITING A NYT ESTIMATE THAT SUCH SALES MAY REACH MORE THAN 10 BILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY. THE ARTICLE ALSO DENOUNCES THE U.S. DECISION TO PROVIDE F-15S AND F-16S TO ISRAEL.

--PRAVDA, FROM TASS NEW YORK, REPORTS ON ALLEGED TELEPHONE EAVESDROPPING BY SOUTHWEST BELL TELEPHONE ON BEHALF OF THE FBI AND CIA.

--PRAVDA HAS AN ARTICLE FROM NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT YE. RUSAKOV ON THE RECENT OUTPOURING OF BOOKS ABOUT THE MURDER OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. RUSAKOV SAYS THAT 65 PERCENT OF AMERICANS DOUBT THAT THE WARREN REPORT GAVE THE WHOLE STORY, AND RECENT REVELATIONS OF CIA/FBI MATERIALS ON THE KENNEDY AND KING KILLINGS SUPPORT THOSE DOUBTS.

2. OTHER COVERAGE:

--ON EASTERN EUROPE, ALL CENTRAL PRESS AND TV GIVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO BREZHNEV MEETING WITH GDR LEADER ERIC HONECKER DECEMBER 13 AT WHICH HONECKER PRESENTED BREZHNEV WITH TWO BIRTHDAY GIFTS, HERO'S STAR OF GDR AND GREAT STAR OF FRIENDSHIP OF PEOPLES. THIS LEAVES ONLY HUNGARIAN AND POLISH MEDALS TO GO BEFORE DECEMBER 19. CENTRAL MEDIA ALSO REPORT KOSYGIN'S TRAVELS TO WARSAW ON DECEMBER 13.

--PRAVDA HAS TASS PRELIMINARY REPORT OF PORTUGUESE MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS CLAIMING "GREAT SUCCESS" FOR PCP AND ASSERTING THAT ELECTION PROCESS ITSELF SHOWS DEVELOPMENT ALONG ROAD OF SOCIAL PROGRESS.

--COMMUNIQUE OF SOVIET PARLIAMENTARIANS IN FRANCE, LED BY BORIS PONOMAREV, PRINTED IN PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA. IT STRESSES CSCE THEMES AND SOVIET UN DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS BUT AVOIDS WP PROPOSALS.

--PRAVDA NOTES AGREEMENT OF FRG CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS FROM CDU AND CSU TO END SPLIT. EVENT PORTRAYED AS RE-MARRIAGE OF NECESSITY.

--THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SOVIET PARTY DELEGATION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LED BY POLITBURO MEMBER SUSLOV, IN HANOI ARE GIVEN PROMINENT MEDIA COVERAGE, SPECIFICALLY SUSLOV'S DEC 13 MEETING WITH VIETNAMESE PARTY CHIEF LE DUAN AND OTHER SENIOR LEADERS. ACCORDING TO THE TASS REPORT, THE TALKS PASSED IN A "HEARTFELT, FRATERNAL ATMOSPHERE", AND INCLUDED DISCUSSION OF FURTHER DEEPENING PARTY TIES BASED ON "MARXISM-LENINISM AND PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM". PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA CARRY LONG ARTICLES ON THE

HEROIC PAST AND SHINING FUTURE OF THE VIETNAMESE PARTY.

--PRAVDA REPORTS THAT A CPSU DELEGATION, LED BY
SECOND SECRETARY OF THE BYELORUSSIAN CP, A.N. AKSENOVIY,
LEFT MOSCOW ON DEC 13 TO ATTEND THE 18TH CONGRESS OF
ISRAELI CP.

--PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS DAMASCUS ITEM REPORTING
THE OPENING THERE OF THE MEETING OF THE PLO CENTRAL
COUNCIL. THE ITEM REPORTS THE
OFFICIALLY-ANNOUNCED AGENDA AND OFFERS NO COMMENT.

--IZVESTIYA REPORTS THAT ON DEC 13 KOSYGIN
RECEIVED THE TURKISH MINISTER OF ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES S. KILIC, WHO DELIVERED A LETTER FROM TURKISH
PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL. IZVESTIYA ALSO REPORTS THAT THE BILAT-
ERAL COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION CONCLUDED ITS FIRST
SESSION AND THAT KILIC AND SOVIET FOREIGN AID CHIEF
SKACHKOV INITIALED AN "AGREEMENT ON DEVELOPING ECONOMIC
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE TURKISH REPUBLIC".
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